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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Attorney Docket No: Q78119

Gianni GUALA

Appln. No.: 10/687,692

Group Art Unit: 3763

Confirmation No.: 2847

Examiner: Not yet assigned

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For: A FLAT FILTER FOR VENTING GAS INTRAVENOUS MEDICAL LINES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of November 16, 2004, Claims 1-5 are the only claims pending in the present application. Applicant therefore submits that the Restriction Requirement of November 16, 2004 requiring election between Group I containing Claims 1-19 and Group II containing Claims 20-24 is improper and clearly does not apply to the present application.

A corrected Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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